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**\$1.2 million Hanford tanks contract awarded to Richland business**

RICHLAND, Wash.— CH2M HILL Hanford Group has awarded a \$1.2 million contract for thousands of feet of waste transfer piping to HiLine Engineering and Fabrication, Inc.

The piping will connect Hanford's large radioactive waste tanks with the nearby vitrification facility construction site. HiLine's contract calls for the fabrication and delivery of approximately 7,000 feet of double-walled waste transfer piping this fall.

"This piping is the last leg of transfer lines that will eventually move Hanford tank waste from storage to treatment," said CHG vice president of projects Joel Eacker. "The piping is an important part of a larger project that includes designing and installing retrieval systems in ten of the 28 double-shell tanks that will serve as staging points for waste as it is retrieved from older tanks on the Hanford site."

HiLine, a small woman-owned business in Richland, Wash., has been doing business with CH2M HILL and other Hanford contractors for several years, providing a variety of designed and fabricated equipment. Besides Hanford, HiLine supports several different industries, including aerospace, defense, food processing, environmental, and nuclear plants, as well as other DOE sites across the nation. "We're hard to beat on fabricated equipment, especially if it's related to piping," said HiLine president Troy Stokes.

The winning fixed-price proposal from HiLine for \$1,248,000 was competitively bid and includes delivery of the piping. "We're thrilled to have kept this work in town," said Stokes. "In the past, this work has been performed states away. This is truly a win-win situation for CH2M HILL and HiLine."

"We're pleased to be able to provide business opportunities and award contracts locally while providing our Department of Energy Office of River Protection customer and the American taxpayer with the best value for a quality product," said Betty Euteneier, CH2M HILL Hanford Group director of contracts and procurements.

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